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June 5, 2006 meeting ~ 10 am

Teleconference call

Agenda outline

The conference line will be available beginning two minutes before 10 am. Please call **1-888-224-5889** and use the password **3207#** to access the conference line.

1. Award projects from May 25, 2006 letting

#	Project	County	Contract length	District	Low bid amount
1	IM-STPHS 90-8(154)433 West Laurel Interchange	Yellowstone	39354	Billings	\$3,680,244.50
2	SFCS 548-1(9)4 JCT US 93 - JCT US 2	Flathead	75 working days	Missoula	\$1,197,816.05
	STPU 7409(2) H St Park To Butte - Livingston	Park	75 working days	Butte	\$1,160,100.00
4	CM 5299(71) Sidewalks - Fox Farm / Park Garden	Cascade	38954	Great Falls	\$393,340.74
5	STPS 272-1(8)0 Deer Lodge - West	Powell	25 working days	Butte	\$107,283.30
Total					\$6,538,784.59

Please reference the following attachments:

- Staff recommendations
- Bid comparison sheets
- Bid analysis
- Invitation for bid

2. Gallatin Canyon rumble strip installation

Please see attached information.

3. Commission discussion

The commission's next meeting is June 28-29. Please gather for a project tour at 10:30 am on June 28 at MDT's Billings office, 424 Morey Street.

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Agenda item: 2

Staff person handling: Sandra Straehl

Date/location: June 5, 2006 conference call

Item: Hazard elimination project on US 191 (N-50)

Rumble Strips – Big Sky North

Background

The proposed project consists of installing centerline rumble strips in areas signed for **No Passing** to help prevent the occurrence of sideswipe and head-on crashes that are occurring in the Gallatin Canyon as a result of crossing the centerline. This is the recommended counter-measure for this area based upon a field review.

The project will begin at approximately 0.5 miles north of the Big Sky Spur Road (MT-64) intersection with US 191 (N-50) at reference point 48.49 and will continue for 22 miles to end at reference point 70.44, with is approximately 2 miles north of the Spanish Creek Bridge coming out of the Gallatin Canyon.

The funding source for the proposed project is Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds. HSIP funded projects are determined by identifying locations with crash trends and implementing feasible countermeasures. Projects with an estimated cost of \$50,000 or above require Commission approval. Only projects with a benefit-cost ratio of 3.38 and above are being recommended for funding. This project, with a cost benefit ratio of 11.91, compares favorably to other approved projects programmed in 2006 for HSIP funding.

Summary

The proposed project will support improved highway safety on this section of road in the Gallatin Canyon.

Staff recommendations

MDT staff recommends the Transportation Commission approve the addition of this project to the program.

Notes/discussion

Commission action